

## CONVENTIONS GALORE TO-DAY.

### ENTHUSIASM RUNS HIGH AT CHICAGO

CONVENTION HALL IS A SCENE OF BEAUTY AND REPUBLICANS OF NATION ARE THERE IN GREAT FORCE—RANK AND FILE ARE A UNIT FOR ROOSEVELT, AND BIG BOSSES SEE THE HANDWRITING ON THE WALL.

THE CONVENTION ROSE WITH GREAT DEMONSTRATION AT THE MENTION OF THE ROUGH RIDER'S NAME—ROOSEVELT IS THE DOMINANT SPIRIT AND ABSOLUTELY CONTROLS CONVENTION.

CHICAGO, June 21.—Convention Hall presented a brilliant scene of color this morning, when the representatives of the Republican party from every section of this broad land and its outlying possessions assembled for the purpose of choosing the candidates of the party for President and Vice-President.

The hall itself could scarcely be improved upon. It is a single immense arch and steel structure capable of comfortably seating 9,000 persons.

There is only one gallery and it runs around the four sides of the hall. Hanging as a sort of canopy above this gallery, but high enough so as not to cut off the air, a long festooned strip of red, white and blue bunting stretched from end to end on each side. From each point from where the bunting was caught up was suspended a large hanging basket of gracefully drooping ferns. Above every second one of these was tastefully arranged a group of five American flags, in the bosom of whose folds reposed a picture of President Roosevelt who is to be the National standard bearer in the coming campaign.

Between the stands of flags, boughs of trees were displayed, the green foliage affording a pleasing relief to the eye. The steel girders, where they sprang through the rows of gallery seats on their way to support the roof, were entwined with green leaves, and each girder bore another portrait of the President.

The whole display is flanked with tasteful groups of the American flag. An immense oil painting of the late Senator Hanna, lighted from above with electric lights, and draped with American flags, was suspended in the balcony over the speaker's platform over the chair that he would have occupied as national chairman had he been permitted to be here. The platform furniture was of dark fleish oak, with the exception of the chair and desk of the presiding officer, which were of mahogany.

Other desks of the officers of the convention were supplied with water colors, writing materials, etc.

Chairman Payne was supplied with two gavels. One was a great mallet three inches in diameter, and at least six inches in length.

This is the "storm" gavel. The other, for use under ordinary conditions was a handsome little affair of rosewood donated by a Chicago firm and decorated at the expense of the local committee with a gold band, bearing the Chairman's name and title.

At the South end of the hall, a temporary stand erected above the gallery was occupied by the first regiment band of Pullman, Illinois, which furnished music at intervals throughout the day. Opposite, at the North end was strung a large flag, bearing on the background an American eagle rampant, with the coat of arms of the United States. Just above it is a placard announcing:

Under this banner both Harrison and McKinley were twice nominated. Still higher up near the roof, is a black banner inscribed in gold: Home Market Club, Boston. American wages for American workmen. American markets for American people. Protection for American homes.

The Call to Order. 12:14, Chairman Payne called the convention to order.

12:20, Senator Scott presents Chairman Payne with gavel on behalf of the Chicago committee.

12:57 P. M. When Hanna's name was read, as signing the call, an outburst of applause greeted it.

John Malloy, of Ohio, reading clerk, read the call for the convention.

12:32 P. M. Governor Odell, of New York, moved the approval of the selection of Root as temporary chairman which was carried unanimously. 12:15. Reverend Dr. Frost opens

proceedings with prayer.

12:28 P. M. Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, was recognized to present to the convention the table at which Chairman Payne presided. It was used at the conventions that nominated Harrison and McKinley. Reference by Van Sant to Roosevelt brought the convention to its feet and there was a scene of great enthusiasm.

12:31 P. M. Payne introduced Elihu Root as temporary chairman.

1:25 P. M.—At the close of Root's speech the name Theodore Roosevelt for President, was the signal for an enthusiastic demonstration. The delegates rose to their feet cheering and waving flags, hats and handkerchiefs.

1:25 P. M.—National Committee-man Graeme Stewart, on behalf of the City of Chicago, presented Root with a gavel.

Roosevelt Dominates Convention.

CHICAGO, June 21.—It is a Roosevelt convention now. The change has come with the arrival of the great mass of the delegates and the thousands of hustling Republicans whose interest and loyalty has caused them to give up time and money to the congress of the party in session. Roosevelt badges galore adorn the coats of men to be seen in Chicago streets. They do not pose as leaders and oracles, but they are the men who work with their hands, the merchants, farmers, and professional men, who form the bone and sinew of the party—the fellows who do the voting. They don't figure in the grand strategy and hotel parlor conferences that are heralded broadcast, but somehow, in the last analysis, the final appeal is made to them. They are the people who have a way sometimes, of ignoring the most imposing plans of bosses, and running things in their own way. This happens to be one of these times. Until yesterday, the leaders who are permitted to lead as long as they do not run counter to popular sentiment, held sway. They were the old-guard of the machine organization. Their one great purpose was to perpetuate their rule. They were anti-Roosevelt. In their eyes the President was a political accident who had to be given a renomination by force of circumstances. But he was to be made subject to the sacred organization.

They threw cold water on whatever Roosevelt sentiment appeared. They ignored the President in the convention arrangements, and had no thought of him in planning the decorations.

Most important of all, they decided that one of their own selection should be the new chairman from the National leader of the party. Then it was that the President's friends on the ground made a determined stand. They insisted that Cortelyou, the choice of the President, should have the place. The Roosevelt men held their ground until the army of delegates began flocking in Sunday night. Yesterday the entire force arrived and the old-guard machine was put to rout. Talk to any of them in the hotel corridors today, and you get the meek statement that Cortelyou is to be chairman and that they are for him.

They have heard from the little fellows who represent the districts, the men who come direct from the people. They find a mighty sentiment among the mass of Republicans in favor of Roosevelt. In their defeat they can hear cheers for Roosevelt and the music of bands inspiring demonstration in his honor. All who survived have surrendered. Some have fallen in the fray. The list of those of the old organization who were displaced on the National committee by new men yesterday, include such distinguished citizens as Kerns, of Missouri, Sheldon, of New

### SLOCUM VICTIMS

ARE STILL BEING PICKED UP—A SEVERE STORM BROUGHT BODIES TO THE SURFACE OF THE WATER THIS MORNING.

NEW YORK, June 21.—Up to 8 o'clock this morning 12 additional bodies, victims of the steamboat General Slocum disaster, had been recovered, making a total number so far recovered 746. There are sixty-four unidentified bodies at the morgue. A severe storm, accompanied by thunder and lightning passed over this vicinity early this morning and caused the bodies recovered today to come to the surface of the water.

Eight bodies were found floating near the place where the steamboat was beached. The bodies of three women were recovered at Wetzel Point and the twelfth corpse floated close to the shore at College Point. People are responding generously to the call for financial aid for those who suffered from the disaster. Jacob H. Schiff, treasurer of the general relief fund reports that yesterday he received \$29,940.45 making the total thus far \$53,322.15.

In addition contributions were received at the Mayor's office aggregating thousands of dollars. While the relief committee was in session yesterday a telephone message was received from John R. Rockefeller, asking what was needed and expressing his desire to contribute generously.

TREMONT, N. J., June 21.—When the inquest into the Slocum disaster was resumed before Coroner Berry and a jury this morning, Deckhand Daniel O'Neil swore that he never participated in a fire drill on board of the Slocum.

Assistant District Attorney Garvin created something of a sensation in the court by questioning the witness relative to another fire which occurred on the Slocum the day before the disaster. Asked if it was not a fact that a fire took place on the steamer the day before, he said: "I never heard of any fire."

O'Neill told a graphic story of the fire and declared that the fire hose burst as soon as the water was turned on. He swore that an attempt was then made to bring the deck hose into use.

O'Neill was asked if he had not been warned by the man in the small boat not to jump, as the boat was full and he admitted that this was a fact. Everett Brandow, second engineer on the Slocum followed O'Neill. He had been on the Slocum for six seasons. The fire fighting apparatus consisted of two stand pipes and the donkey engine which pumped the water into it. There were no appliances on the steamer for flooding the holds in case of emergency. Brandow said he received no verbal orders from the captain while the fire was in progress. He stayed in the engine room until the Slocum was hard and fast aground and saw none of the officers or crew after the fire broke out.

#### BRYAN'S LOAD TOO HEAVY.

Says the Sins of the Democrats Were Laid on Him.

NEW YORK, June 21.—In a speech last night at Cooper Union, William Jennings Bryan, in referring to his former candidacy for the Presidency, said the Democratic sins were all laid on him, and the name alone was too much for him to carry.

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THE WEATHER.  
A Variety This Time.  
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 21.—For West Virginia: Showers to-night; cooler in western portion. Wednesday, showers in eastern portion, fair in western portion.  
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### SMALLPOX SYMPTOMS ARE CAUSING PRECAUTION.

THERE IS NO CAUSE FOR ALARM BUT WE MAY HAVE SMALL-POX IN TOWN.

EVERY PRECAUTION IS BEING TAKEN TO PREVENT SPREAD OF CONTAGION, IF SUCH IT BE

Lake Prickett, a bartender at the Hotel Manley, who lives over C. H. Bartlett's grocery on Jackson street, has symptoms of the dread disease, smallpox. Mr. Prickett has been sick and away from his work for several days past and this morning called that recognized authority on contagious diseases, Dr. J. H. Brownfield. When seen by a West Virginian reporter shortly after his visit, the Doctor would not state if the case was smallpox or chickenpox, although he admitted that it resembled both. Although not very sick, Prickett is broken out and some symptoms resemble the ones common to the more serious malady. Dr. Brownfield notified Mayor Kinsey that the case was serious enough to have careful watching and the City Physician, Dr. Hal Hall was notified, but was unavoidably detained for several hours. He at once requested police protection for the house and Assistant Chief Bartholow has had the premises under surveillance since early morning.

Located as it is in the heart of the city, too much precaution is impossible and the place will be under quarantine until the nature of the case is determined beyond the faintest shadow of a doubt.

Official Program of Republican National Convention.

CHICAGO, June 20.—Secretary Elihu Root, of the National committee, has announced the official program for the three days of the Republican National convention. It is as follows:

Tuesday, June 21.  
Convention called to order by Chairman Henry C. Payne.  
Prayer by Rev. Timothy P. Frost, of Chicago, formerly of First Methodist Episcopal Church, Baltimore.  
Reading of the call for the convention by Secretary Dover.  
Introduction of temporary Chairman Elihu Root, who will address the convention and report the names of the temporary officers.  
Appointment of committees on permanent organization, credentials, rules and resolutions.

Wednesday, June 22.  
Prayer by Rev. Thomas E. Cox.  
Report of the Committee on Resolutions.  
Report of the Committee on Permanent Organization.  
Introduction and speech of Permanent Chairman Joseph G. Cannon.  
Report of Committee on Rules.  
Naming of State delegations of the members of the new National committee.

Thursday, June 23.  
Prayer by the Rev. Thaddeus A. Snively.  
Call for Presidential nominations.  
Presentation of the name of President Roosevelt by Frank S. Black, of New York, and seconding speeches by Senator Beveridge, of Indiana; Harry S. Cummings, colored, of Baltimore, and others.  
Nomination for Vice-President.  
Selection of committees for notification of candidates.

Real Estate Transfers.  
Sarah Oakes to Finley Oakes, property on Teverbaugh creek; consideration, \$450.  
Finley Oakes and wife to Quillen H. Martin, three tracts on Teverbaugh creek; consideration, \$1,400.  
Mannington Development Company to Jesse T. Koen, lot adjoining Mannington cemetery; consideration, \$25.  
S. J. Sturm et al. to W. I. Nutter, property at Worthington; consideration, \$1.00 and other property.  
Nimrod Toothman and wife to Calvin D. Conaway, property on Buffalo creek; consideration, \$1,300.  
Ruth Burnett and husband to Finley Oakes, property on Teverbaugh creek; consideration, \$500.

### A FINE CONVENTION

COL. JOS. H. McDERMOTT IS THE UNANIMOUS CHOICE FOR STATE SENATE FROM ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

SENATOR IRA E. ROBINSON WAS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONVENTION AND MADE A GREAT SPEECH.

The Republican Senatorial convention for the Eleventh district did not meet at Traction Park this afternoon on account of the inclement weather. The committee in charge decided to hold the convention in the County Court room of the Court-house, but that was entirely too small for the large delegation, and the convention was held in the Circuit Court room.

In the absence of Chairman Powell, the convention was called to order by Hon. Jas. W. Holt, of Grafton, who read the call, and named Hon. Ira E. Robinson, of Taylor county, temporary chairman, and Thomas R. Dille, of Monongalia county, temporary secretary.

Chairman Robinson addressed the convention with a rousing Republican speech which caused the already brightly burning fires of Republicanism in the hearts of the delegates to burst into a flame that made the dry bones of Democracy rattle in their graves.

The temporary organization was made permanent. All committees were dispensed with, after which the secretary called the roll of counties. Marion was called first and Attorney Harry Shaw responded with a most patriotic speech in which he nominated the next Senator from this district—the Hon. Joseph H. McDermott, of Monongalia county. W. E. Glasscock, chairman of the State committee, seconded the nomination in behalf of Monongalia county, and Col. Thomas E. Davis in behalf of Taylor.

Col. McDermott is the unanimous choice of the Republicans of the three counties in this district, and is sure to be elected by a large majority. In acceptance of the nomination he spoke as follows:

Mr. Chairman, Fellow Republicans of the Eleventh Senatorial District.

I am not posted on the formal methods of accepting a nomination, for I never had the pleasant thrill which comes from such acceptance before. I did have a halfway notion that I would say, "This is so sudden," or "This honor comes to me wholly unexpected," but I will leave such nature of conventional remark to the trained speakers who are whetting their throats for the spellbinding siege which is going to baptize the State during the coming months of the campaign. Seriously, I acknowledge a high degree of gratification that I have been selected by my party representatives in convention assembled as their choice for the State Senate from this district.

If I come to the convention with the distinct approval of my home county, and the measure of satisfaction I feel over the nomination is closely seconded by the action of my Monongalia county friends in their indorsement of my candidacy. I am glad to say that the contest at home was conducted in such a way as to develop no post-primary bitterness, and I can truthfully say that the good and honorable gentlemen who were my opponents for the approval of my county, in the primary contest, are all of the faithful kind, good staunch Republicans all, and they are the kind that stick to the nominee, in fact each of them will have their coats of fighting for the grand old party next November, and that, gentlemen of the convention, is harmony of the kind that always will keep Democracy where it belongs, in the rear.

Speaking of party harmony, glad that the Eleventh district conventions, and Republican generally, are in such a condition, it simply means there is nothing together. Ma galla county State and

### BEATTY

WAS FIRST WITNESS ON HIS OWN BEHALF—MALONE WAS POSITIVE IN HIS STATEMENTS.

(Special to West Virginian.) PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 21.—The trial of Beatty is progressing slowly. S. C. Malone, the hand-writing expert, finished his testimony this morning.

He was positive in his statement that the letter received by Blackshere was written by the same person that wrote the letters and other papers admitted to have been written by Beatty.

The government then rested. Beatty was introduced as the first witness in his own behalf.

At noon the trial was suspended until four o'clock to allow time for the calling of the civil docket.

### BASE BALL

ANOTHER GOOD GAME WILL BE PLAYED SATURDAY—FAIRMONT Y. M. C. A. VS CYARKSBURG Y. M. C. A. AT TRACTION PARK.

There will be a meeting of the Y. M. C. A. base ball team tonight at 7:30 at the Association rooms and every member is requested to be on hand, as Captain Poling has received a challenge from the Clarksburg Y. M. C. A. team.

Traction Park has been secured for the game next Saturday afternoon, June 25th, and special cars will be run from Jackson street to accommodate the public. Our Y. M. C. A. boys worsted the Clarksburg Association in basket ball and the latter claim they will take the scalps of the base ball team back to Clarksburg with them Saturday night. The Clarksburg Association team has a very fast pitcher whom they consider is pretty nearly the whole thing, and he is expected to easily fan out the local Y. M. C. A. team. Tickets have already been placed on sale for this game next Saturday and as the Y. M. C. A. demonstrated that they could put up a snappy game of ball when they played the professionals last week, undoubtedly a large number of enthusiasts will turn out to see the game next Saturday.

### IN THE TEMPLE OF JUSTICE

A NEWSPAPER MAN AND AN OFFICER OF THE LAW HAD A LINGUAL COMBAT YESTERDAY.

Saturday and Sunday our excitement was caused by women. That was bad enough. We do not like to mention such things but the people want the news and must have it. Not satisfied with such horrid things, last evening an officer of the law and a newspaper reporter got into a quarrel right in the temple of justice—even more, right in 'Squire Amos' office. So loud did they become that the 'Squire' had to call them down several times. All this because the reporter asked the officer when a certain interesting trial was to be. A reporter surely has the privilege to ask such a question. Being what we call a decent question, most officers would have answered it, and that would have settled it. But not so this time. Great men will hold different views and this time they became so different that the 'Squire's' presence alone prevented a rough and tumble bout, with the odds of course in favor of the reporter. Children, children, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves.